



2 the second information tag to the reader device at least one location detection signal for
3 geographically locating the carrier unit.

1 57. (New) The method of claim 51, further comprising the step of communicating
2 with the second information tag via a base station.

REMARKS

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 21, 2000, the Examiner's comments and the cited art have been noted and studied. At the mailing of the Office Action, Claims 1-32 were pending. This preliminary amendment cancels claims 1-32 and adds new claims 33-57. Claims 33-57 have been added to better encompass the full scope and breath of the invention notwithstanding Applicant's belief that the claims would have been allowable as originally filed. Applicant believes that the cited references, Tausch, Blanford, Kahn, Wiklof, Miura and Wells (hereinafter "References"), do not anticipate either the cancelled or added claims. No claim is added for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any cancelled claim; and, in fact, the additional claims broaden the scope of the claimed subject matter. The present application is submitted to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Rejections of Cancelled Claims

Claims 1-32 were rejected under either 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 or 103 as being allegedly unpatentable over various combinations of Tausch, Blanford, Kahn, Wiklof, Miura and Wells (hereinafter the "References"). Although Applicant believes the Examiner may have mischaracterized certain references and failed to adequately find all corresponding elements and provide a legitimate suggestion to combine, such arguments are moot in view of Applicant's cancellation of the claims.

Addition of New Claims

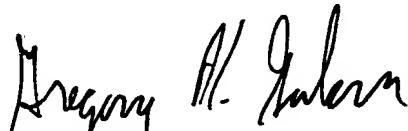
Claims 33-62 have been added. The new claims 33-62 are believed to be allowable over the References. For example, independent claim 33 is directed to a device that reads one type of information tag and then, based upon information retrieved from that information tag, may read a

second information tag of a different type than the first information tag. None of the References teach or suggest, alone or in combination, such limitations. Similarly, such References are deficient regarding the other independent claims 42 and 51. Claim 42 is directed to a carrier unit that stores articles of commerce, a first and second information tags of different types, and a device that may read the second information tag based upon a read of the first information tag. Claim 51 is directed to method of communication between a carrier unit that has first and second information tags of different types disposed upon it and a reader device in which the reader device may read the second information tag based upon the information received from a read of the first information tag. Of course Applicant also believes the Examiner will agree that the dependent claims are also allowable over the References because of their dependence from the allowable independent claims, among many other reasons.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the new claims are allowable and that such allowance is respectfully requested. If there are any questions or comments regarding this response, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Gregory K. Goshorn at (512) 499-6200.

Respectfully submitted



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